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Mum and son battling to get home after hurricane

By Adam Flinn

A BASINGSTOKE woman and her son are slowly making their way home having been stranded on the Caribbean island of St Maarten in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

Tracy Boulton and 18-year-old son Eddy were staying in the Maho resort on the Dutch side of the island for a scuba diving trip when the category five hurricane struck last week.

The popular holiday island – on which around 80,000 people live – has been devastated by winds of up to 185mph and severe flooding.

As of Wednesday night Tracy and Eddy were in Antigua awaiting a flight home, which was due to take off as the Observer went to press.

And Tracy has been describing her experience on Facebook and the problems she and Eddy have faced in trying to get home.

Speaking to the Observer over Facebook, Tracy said: "As the unpredictable route Irma was taking became clear and that my location was in the bullseye, I didn't know if we'd survive."

"We were very fortunate to be staying in a slightly older resort made of bricks and mortar rather than frame work and cladding as our building was mostly only damaged by flying debris of disintegrating buildings around us."

"The Caribbean is of course used to hurricanes, they can prepare for and recover from them normally within a day or two, but Irma was a record-breaking exception."

"I'd very much like to go back in a few years and find they have rebuilt the old characterful wooden veranda style houses that give the place such charm, but I can't see it sadly. They can't withstand hurricanes like Irma."

Around 30 people have been killed in the Caribbean as a result of the hurricane, which has been weakening as it reached Florida this week.

Friends and family back home have been contacting the Foreign Office in a bid to speed up the evacuation process.

Jackie Saunders, one of Tracy's friends, said: "Tracy has been given the standard advice to check on the website at gov.uk. This isn't helpful as they are without power and Wi-Fi for long periods."

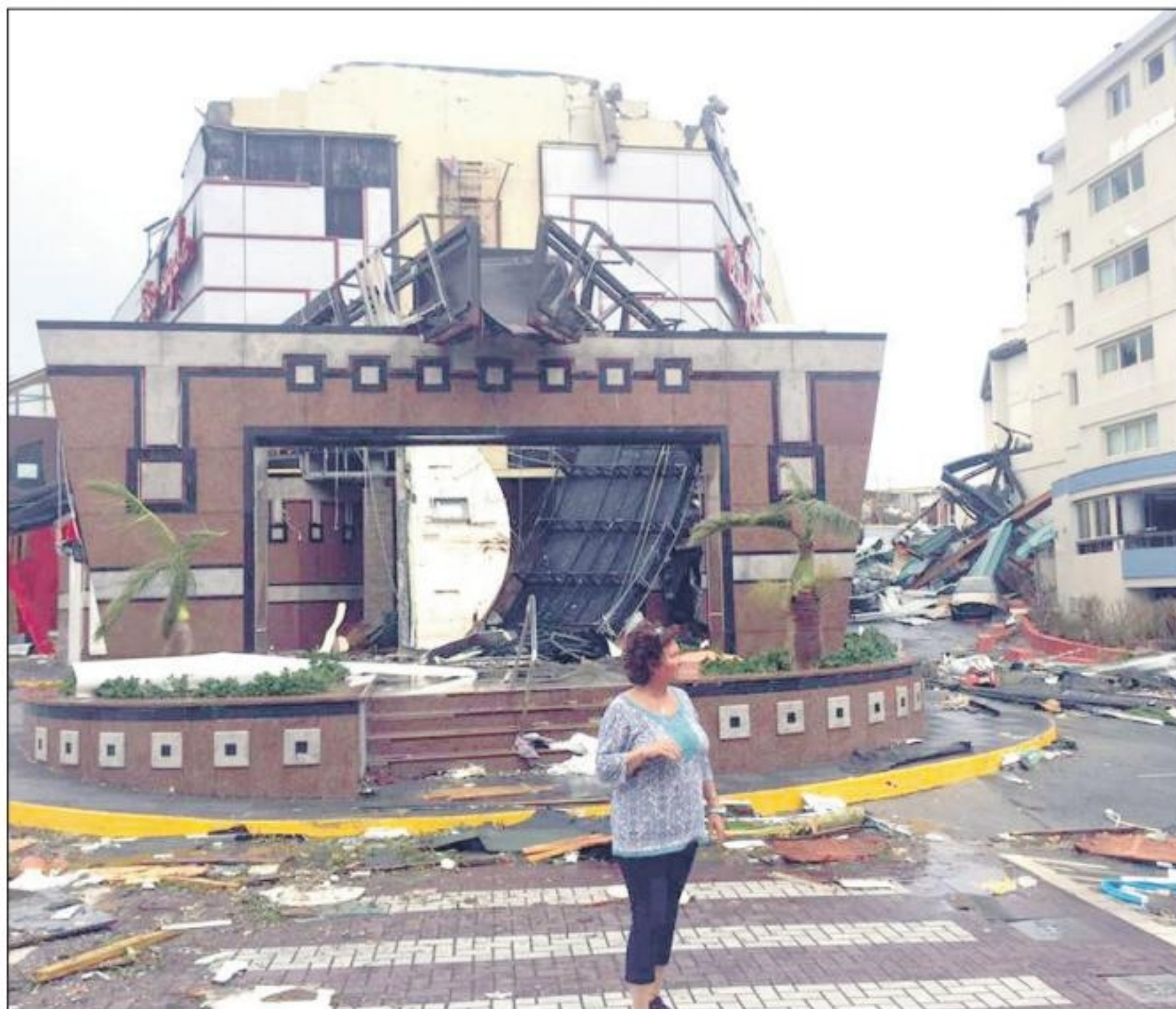
"The water is also off for some time so they've had to collect recycled water from air con units/humidifiers for washing."

"There is a problem with looting and food being sold at highly inflated prices."

"I'm hoping that a bit of publicity will help to speed up the much needed evacuation process."

Without going into specific details, Basingstoke MP Maria Miller confirmed that she has been in contact with the Foreign Office regarding "two constituents who are caught up in this dreadful situation".

She added: "I've been doing everything I can to make sure the Foreign Office is aware of their situation and to give as much support as possible."



Tracy Boulton surveys the damage on St Maarten following Hurricane Irma

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'Put on your dancing shoes to reach 100'

IF you want to live to 100, the secret is to "dance, dance, dance".

That's the advice from Kathleen Green, who celebrated reaching the milestone birthday on Sunday.

Kath, who lives at the Basingfield Court care home in Huish Lane, Old Basing, was joined by her family and close friends to mark her special day.

Born in Farnham, Kath grew up in Alton with her wartime entertainer parents, who instilled a great love for music and dance from a young age.

She married husband Tom in 1939 and had a son, Clive, who went on to perform in the West End musical Oliver.

Sadly both Tom and Clive have since passed way, but

Kath's family has blossomed to include three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Kath has always had a passion for dancing, and has also raised money for the homeless and Russian refugee children in her later years.

Asked about the secret to a long life, Kath said: "Always be inquisitive, always help others and dance, dance, dance."

Tracy Mercer, activities leader at the care home, said: "Kath is a lovely lady who still has the most wonderful zest for life."

"She has a fantastic dry sense of humour and is sharp as a tack. She is a pretty amazing lady."



Kathleen Green celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday

Fortnightly bin collections being touted as 'an option'

By Adam Flinn

RESIDENTS in Basingstoke and Deane could be experiencing fortnightly bin collections from autumn next year.

The borough council is set to discuss two options for a new contract covering waste collection next week that could mean grey rubbish bins picked up fortnightly instead of weekly.

It is claimed by the council that this option would help increase the borough's recycling rate, reduce carbon emissions and potentially make savings of up to £1million a year.

Recycling bins are already collected fortnightly, and this option for alternate weekly collections would bring Basingstoke and Deane in line with neighbouring Hart District Council, with which it shares the waste contract.

The other option is for collections to remain as they are. The contract would be in place for eight years.

The council's community, environment and partnerships policy committee was due to discuss the options last night as the Observer went to press.

The cabinet is expected to make the final decision on the

waste contract next Wednesday evening.

Hayley Eachus, the council's cabinet member for the environment, said: "Given the size and length of this contract, it is vital that we look carefully at all the facts about both waste collections before making a decision."

"This is to ensure we get the best value and a service that meets residents' needs and expectations."

"But the possible environmental and cost benefits need to be carefully balanced with the views of residents on a service that affects every home and currently has such high

resident satisfaction rates.

"The research is telling us that residents' views are split on the issue, so I'm very keen to hear views from councillors at next week's committee to help us, as a cabinet, come to a decision about what is right for our waste collection service in the borough in the future."

In a sample of more than 1,000 residents, it was found that 51 per cent disagreed with alternate weekly collections, compared to 38 per cent in favour.

This changed to 46 per cent and 41 per cent when the cost benefits were highlighted.

News Bites

Girl attacked

BASINGSTOKE: A teenage girl has been left with a broken jaw following an attack in Lychpit on Sunday afternoon.

The 17-year-old, from Newbury, was walking from Basingstoke train station to Lychpit between 4pm and 4.30pm.

It was as she went along Swing Swang Lane and along a path that connects to Lambs Row that she was set upon by a group of three females, said to be aged between 15 and 20.

They ran off when they were disturbed. The girl was taken to hospital where she has had to undergo surgery for a broken jaw.

Call 101 with information.

Hospital is clean

BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been rated highly by patients for the quality of its food and cleanliness.

The trust, which runs the Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, scored 99.09 per cent for cleanliness and 92.48 per cent for quality of food in an annual patient-led inspection.

Alex Whitfield, chief executive of the trust, said: "Whilst we are happy with the results of this inspection, we are determined to continue to make further improvements for the benefits of our patients."

Town's Pride

BASINGSTOKE: The first ever Basingstoke Pride festival gets under way tomorrow evening.

Pride245 will see a host of events taking place over the next week, starting with the Pre-Pride Party tomorrow at the The White Hart in London Road from 7.30pm.

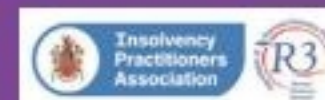
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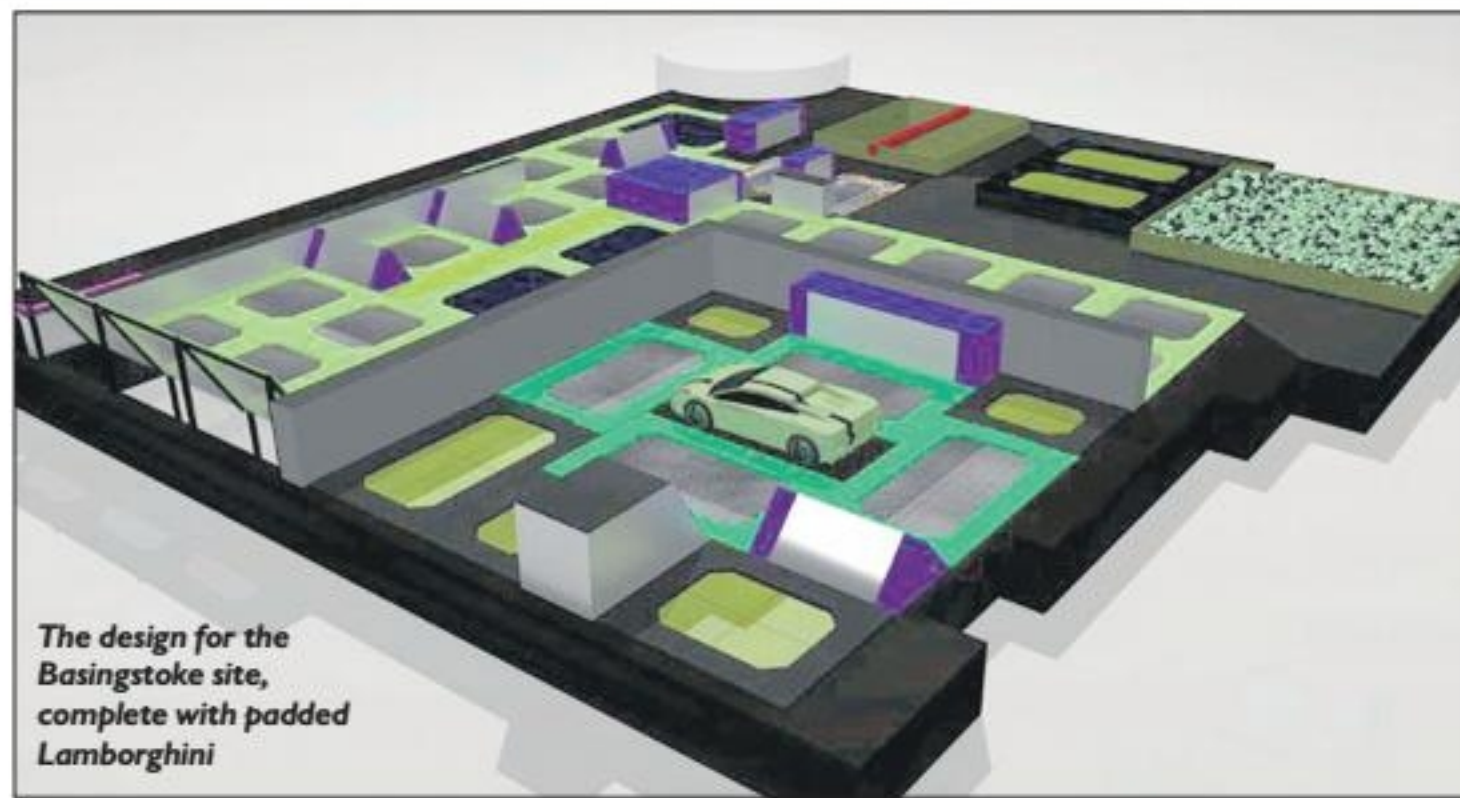
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Flip Out's park in Chichester, which opened earlier this year



The design for the Basingstoke site, complete with padded Lamborghini

Festival Place makes the jump to trampoline park

By Adam Flinn

A NEW £2million trampoline park is set to open in Festival Place before the end of the year.

Flip Out has announced its latest venue will be in the Basingstoke shopping centre to add to its 16 other sites across the country.

As well as a vast array of 60 inter-connected trampolines,

the 25,000 square foot attraction will boast seven climbing walls, two 30ft towers for vertical races, two 25ft super slides, wipeout zone, battle beams, a laser maze and foam pit.

There will also be stunt boxes for practicing free-running skills, and a full-sized padded Lamborghini to jump around on.

Smaller trampolines for visitors aged under five will also

be available.

It will be the second trampoline park to come to Basingstoke, following on from the opening of Jump Factory in the Daneshill Industrial Estate last year.

Jon Inwards, CEO of Flip Out UK, said: "It's exciting to be able to announce that work has now begun and Flip Out Basingstoke will be opening within months."

"We've found the perfect location for our venue, which will blend the fun of a traditional trampoline park with the excitement of an adventure and activity centre."

"Flip Out Basingstoke will appeal to all the family, offering three themed party rooms, a soft-play area for younger children, along with a diner selling hot and cold food and refreshments."

"We're also planning to bring some UK firsts for a trampoline park, with more news coming soon."

The opening date is still to be finalised, but Flip Out has said its new facility will create around 60 new jobs.

It already has two venues in Hampshire – in Southampton and Portsmouth – as well as one in Chichester and three in London.

News Bites

Barn destroyed

NORTH WALTHAM: A barn has been destroyed by fire in a suspected arson attack.

The barn contained around 150 tonnes of hay, with the blaze happening last Thursday evening.

Police are investigating, and are asking anyone with information to contact them on 101.

Quad bike thefts

NORTH HAMPSHIRE: Quad bikes, power tools and plant machinery have been stolen in a number of burglaries from outbuildings in the Hart area in recent weeks.

Rural property owners are being asked to contact police if they hear quad bikes in the early hours of the morning.

PC Vincent Lane said: "If you see or hear something suspicious, including quad bikes on or near your land in the early hours, please contact us on 101."

Road closures

LITTLE LONDON: A drop-in session for residents to find out more about rolling road closures while pipes are installed along Bramley Road is taking place today.

South East Water is running the session at St Stephen's Hall from 4.15pm to 7.15pm, ahead of 30 weeks of work starting on October 16.

Pair sought after assault

TWO members of staff have been assaulted in a racially aggravated incident in the Tesco store in Chineham.

Sometime between 2am and 3am on August 22 a man and a woman went into the store and attempted to steal a £38 bottle of vodka.

They were approached by a security guard and two other members of staff as they tried to leave the store.

At this point another man joined the pair, then racially

abused and assaulted the two staff members before all three left the scene.

The staff members suffered bruising in the assault, but were not seriously injured.

Police have this week released a CCTV image of a man and woman they wish to speak to in connection to the incident.

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The man and woman police want to speak to

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Hook's businesses remain open during water work

It's business as usual for Hook and the surrounding area while South East Water works on the final phase of an important project to install a new 3.3 kilometre pipeline in the area.

The new £620,800 water main will ensure the company can continue to supply top quality tap water to its customers in the area now and in the future.

When will this work finish?

Construction work began on Monday 21 August and it is anticipated to take approximately 13 weeks to complete.

While Reading Road is closed between the junctions of Red Hill and Vicarage Lane, a diversion route via London Road (A30) and Bracknell Lane (B3011) is in operation and is clearly signposted.

Why close Reading Road?

Keeping the public and the Company's workforce safe is of top priority.

Matthew Cooper, Project Manager at South East Water, said: "We do not impose road closures lightly. A lot of time is spent discussing the best way to install a pipeline safely and road closures are a last resort.

"Due to the pipe's size and the number of utility services which we need to avoid, as well as the location of where the pipe will be placed, a road closure is the safest way to carry out this work."

After consultation with local parish councils and the highways department, road closures are also in place along Red Hill, Bottle Lane and Vicarage Lane to discourage motorists from using these roads as rat run routes.

How will I access Hook's businesses?

This work is taking place along a short section of Reading Road. However, all shops, pubs, garden centres and other businesses along Reading Road are open as usual.

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Some of the graffiti at the skate park in Hartlets Park

Graffiti puts a stop to village show fun

GRAFFITI on a skate park in Hook led to a competition to win a scooter as part of the Hook Village Show being cancelled at the weekend.

Hook Parish Council reported that the graffiti appeared at the skate park in Hartlets Park, on Monday evening last week, and will cost around £1,000 to clean up.

Some of the graffiti contained explicit language, and the skate park has been closed while it is cleaned away.

A statement from the parish

council said: "As per our previous warnings to users, we will be closing the skate park until further notice."

"We had planned to hold a competition at the skate park as part of the village show, but we had to cancel this aspect of the show."

"We have noticed that similar 'tags' have been used elsewhere in the village."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the parish council on 01256 768573 or by emailing info@hook.gov.uk.

The sky's the limit for budding author

By Adam Flinn

A BUDDING Basingstoke writer is set to feature in a new collection of short stories that is aiming to break the Guinness World Record for the most contributing authors to an anthology.

Richard Matthewson, who lives in South Ham, has penned the story 'Hyperspace is a Harsh Mistress' for the CEA Greatest Anthology Written, which is being launched at the end of this month.

The 44-year-old works as a technician at Cranbourne School, and is one of more than 100 people from all over the world who have written for the record-breaking anthology.

It came about after South African writer Shaun Jooste – owner of publishing company Celenic Earth Publications – applied to break the existing record of 50 contributors in an anthology of short stories, and posted on social media for people to help back in April.

"Not being a natural writer and by far more at home with wood, the opportunity to participate was a nice change of pace," said Richard.



Richard Matthewson is one of more than 100 writers to contribute to the CEA Greatest Anthology Written

"As a newbie to writing I am extremely excited and surprised to be included with such talented folks as are involved in this book."

"The couple of stories I have proof read for other writers are of an incredibly high standard,

and I must admit to a few revisions after reading them to raise my game."

"I am convinced that my wife might be able to recite my story from memory due to this."

The anthology is currently in the process of being edited and formatted ahead of the official launch in South Africa at the end of the month.

It has to sell at least 1,000 copies, 500 of which can be electronic, to claim the world record.

As well as the UK, writers from South Africa, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hungary, Nigeria, Mexico, Bolivia and Switzerland have taken part.

Richard added: "None of us could resist a chance to take part in this challenge."

"It all seemed so easy to begin with. Three to eight thousand words, pah!"

"As a long-term fan of sci-fi with Issac Asimov being my first author of choice, my particular story threw itself at the page."

More information and the chance to pre-order the book can be found at celenicearthpublications.wordpress.com.

News Bites

Flower power

HOOK: The winners of this year's Hook in Bloom competition have been announced.

Jane and Richard Jones, Jackie Picton-Robinson, Brenda Briggs, Sheila and John Honeywell, Dean Kirk, Laura Faulkner, Cliff Grand-Scrutton and The Raven all picked up awards.

Parish councillor Sue Hinton said: "It is fantastic to see so many people get involved."

Lottery winners

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from September 8.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 57728, while ticket 07288 claims second prize of £100. Third prize of £50 goes to 85096, and 49245 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 77796, 48098, 17921, 46562, 78764, 06620, 64695, 89568, 43019, 41691, 49631, 67584, 48888, 39568, 30996 and 67263.

Jane's auction

BASINGSTOKE: The Sitting with Jane bookbench auction to raise money for Ark Cancer Centre Charity takes place tomorrow. More details at arkcancercharity.org.uk.

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Green-light for care home by golf course

PLANS to build a 120-bedroom care home on land next to Bishopswood Golf Course on the outskirts of Tadley have been approved.

Members of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's development control committee voted in favour of the proposals, despite concerns having been brought up about access in particular.

Fears of increased congestion had been raised ahead of last Wednesday's meeting owing to the narrow nature of Bishopswood Lane, which in parts can only allow one lane of traffic through at a time.

However committee members were satisfied that measures to improve access, such as allowing more space for cars to wait ahead of the narrower sections, would limit the problem.

Concerns about the impact on local healthcare services were also discussed.

Kingsclere councillor Ken Rhatigan, who voted in favour of the plans, said: "There is a need for care homes locally, and it would be seen as a bridge between the need for a high-grade hospital and the move back to people's own homes.

"It frees up beds in the hospital, it will provide employment opportunities, and the GP impact will be minimised."



The moonlight walkers get ready for the start of the walk to celebrate the hospice's 25th anniversary. Pictures: St Michael's Hospice

Stepping out for a stroll

By Adam Flinn

MORE than 300 walkers dressed up in their brightest and most colourful clothes for a night-time stroll, all in the name of raising money for St Michael's Hospice.

The Basingstoke-based hospice hosted its annual Moonlight Walk on Saturday evening, starting from Festival Place and following an 8.5-mile route around the town.

It is hoped that the walk will raise £20,000 for the charity, which cares for around 500

patients a year.

Laura Hughes, the hospice's events manager, said: "A huge thank you to everybody who took part, it was wonderful to see so many people in their bright neon outfits enjoying the walk.

"This is a very special year for St Michael's Hospice as we celebrate our 25th anniversary.

"We hope to raise an incredible £20,000 from this event, which will directly go towards caring for our patients and their families when they need it most."



Basingstoke's mayor and mayoress Paul and Jane Frankum join in with the pink theme

News Bites

More trucks

DUMMER: A proposal to allow more HGVs to use the Basingstoke Anaerobic Digestion facility in Dummer went before Hampshire County Council yesterday.

The regulatory committee was set to determine whether to allow 38 HGV movements per day as the Observer went to press.

The limit had already been raised from 22 to 38 on a temporary basis, but this would make that permanent.

Stolen van

KINGSCLERE: A Ford Transit van parked in Stokins Road has been stolen.

It was taken sometime between 8pm last Wednesday and 6.45am the following morning.

The van is red and has the registration WJ04 JZE.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101, quoting reference number 44170346490.

Teenager found

BASINGSTOKE: A teenager who was reported missing from the Brighton Hill area last Wednesday evening has been found.

Seventeen-year-old Adam Clough was found safe and well in London on Thursday night.

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Deputy chosen

HAMPSHIRE: Former Portsmouth MP Flick Drummond has been selected as the preferred candidate for the role of Hampshire's deputy police and crime commissioner.

PCC Michael Lane announced his choice last week.

Mrs Drummond said: "I am proud to be joining Michael and will be working with him to make Hampshire safer for everyone."

Housing plan

WHITCHURCH: Residents in Whitchurch will be voting on the town's neighbourhood development plan today.

A referendum is being held on the plan, which details how development in Whitchurch should take shape over the next 15 years.

If adopted, the plan will be used by the borough council in the decision-making process for planning applications.

Get set for prams

HARTLEY WINTNEY: The annual pram race run by St John's Church is back this Saturday, taking place at the cricket green.

Teams in different categories will be racing throughout the day to raise money for Naomi House and Jackspace.

Closed road hitting garden centre hard

By Adam Flinn

THE owner of a north Hampshire garden centre fears she could be forced to shut down if a nearby road closure results in a continued drop in trade.

Hook Home and Garden Centre is based on the outskirts of the village on Reading Road, part of which is currently undergoing 13 weeks of roadworks by South East Water.

The section of the road that is closed, between the junctions for Red Hill and Vicarage Lane, is a mile and a half from the garden centre.

But owner Kim Gilbert says that road closure signs in Hook itself are putting people off from visiting her business, and is calling for clearer signs stating that the closure is much further down the road to be put up.

South East Water says more signs have been put up clearly stating 'business as usual'.

She said: "It's really affecting our business, the work's supposed to go on for 13 weeks but I'm going to have to close if it goes on for that long because we're just not getting the trade."

"The Monday and Tuesday before they put the signs up we were really busy, but on



Hook Home and Garden Centre owners say business has been affected

Wednesday as soon as they put the signs up, people won't come down.

"[South East Water] keep saying they're putting more signs up, but they won't put that the road closure is two miles down the road on the roundabout, so people are instantly going past."

"We are a small, family run business, we took over somebody that went into liquidation, trying to pick up our feet and we were, but now it's just hit us."

Work on the road started on August 21, with 800 metres of water pipes being installed.

But Matthew Cooper, project manager at South East Water, said more signs have been put up in response to Ms Gilbert's concerns.

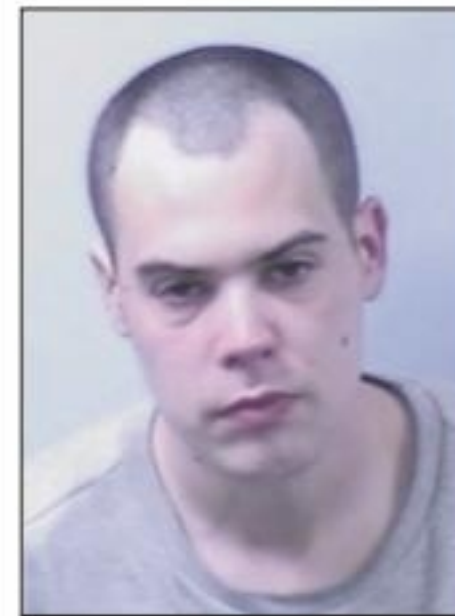
He said: "We have taken a number of steps to ensure we are working with businesses in the local area."

"We have 'businesses open as usual' signs on the Griffin Way North and Bracknell Lane approaches to Reading Road to let customers know businesses are still open for trade."

"Following this feedback we have created additional signs which have been placed along Reading Road and its approaches to indicate the distance of the upcoming road closure from these locations."

"We are sorry for the disruption this important work is causing. Our contractors are working hard to complete the project as quickly and safely as possible."

Most wanted criminals featured on digital van



Philip Simpson



Michelle Tilbury

A WOMAN accused of theft offences in Basingstoke and a man wanted on recall to prison have been included on a list of Hampshire's most wanted.

Michelle Tilbury and Philip Simpson are two of 15 people being sought by charity Crimestoppers in relation to crimes across the county.

Their pictures have been shown on a digital van at various locations across Hampshire on Thursday and Friday last week as Crimestoppers tries to track down information about them.

Sarah-Jane Prew, regional manager for Crimestoppers in Hampshire, said: "We believe everyone has the right to be safe from crime, which is why we are urging the public

to check the faces of the people highlighted in our Most Wanted gallery."

"The response in previous years from people in Hampshire has been incredibly supportive."

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Runners in last year's half marathon. Picture: Sussex Sports Photography

Run raises thousands for hospice

ALMOST £60,000 has been raised for St Michael's Hospice by the Basingstoke Half Marathon over the last six years.

Organisers Destination Basingstoke announced the figure as it aims to encourage even more people to sign up for this year's race, taking place on October 1.

Race director Felicity Edwards said: "We are delighted that the race has been able to support this amazing local charity."

"The volunteers at St Michael's Hospice are a regular sight at the event helping and we are so pleased that their commitment to the event has been so worthwhile for them too."

Runners have been donating to the hospice when they register for the race online, on the day itself and through extra money has come other race-related fundraising.

Jackie Ridge, corporate partnership and legacy manager at St Michael's

Hospice, said: "It is a privilege and a pleasure to work closely with the team at Destination Basingstoke every year on this prestigious local event."

"Thank you to everyone who has helped raise this amazing amount over the years, your support makes an incredible difference to all at St Michael's Hospice."

There is still time to register for this year's race at basingstokehalfmarathon.com.

News Bites

New machines

BASINGSTOKE: New parking machines are being installed across town centre car parks next month which will allow drivers to pay only for the time they park.

The machines will offer a 'check in, check out' system that allows drivers to register their card and use it when they arrive and when they leave, before paying at the end.

The traditional pay and display option will remain available.

Rubbish open day

CHINEHAM: Residents can find out how rubbish is used to generate electricity for Basingstoke at an open day of the Chineham Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) on Saturday.

Book a place by calling 0203 567 3855 or emailing hampshireenquiries@veolia.co.uk.

Homes and shop

SHERBORNE ST JOHN: Proposals to build 18 homes and a village shop on land south of Cranes Road have been approved by Basingstoke and Deane's development control committee, despite concerns being raised about traffic and parking.

It will include two one-bed apartments and 16 houses of between two and five bedrooms, as well as the shop.

Pub plans pulled after objections

By Adam Flinn

THERE was applause from residents after controversial plans to build a new pub in Popley were turned down.

Brewer Marston had wanted to build the new pub on Shetland Road, close to the Crockford Roundabout.

But a large number of residents had objected to the proposals, with concerns raised about restricted access along Shetland Road and increased noise and disturbance being raised.

The majority of members at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council development control committee agreed as

the plans were rejected against officer recommendations.

Orkney Close resident Tracey McCarley spoke at last Wednesday's meeting on behalf of more than 100 local people who were opposed to the pub.

She said: "Increased traffic from customers and delivery vehicles accessing the site, along with the already poor visibility on this section of Shetland Road, would compromise the safety of local residents, their children and drivers."

"There's a history of pubs in Popley, all of which have been closed due to the prevalence of anti-social behaviour."

"A pub is not the community

facility we need or want."

Popley East councillor David Potter also spoke against the plans, saying: "This would be built on attracting trade and high turnover."

"Coupled with the existing shortfall in residents' parking, it would make the lives of local residents intolerable."

"I don't have any issue with Marstons trying to make money, but this is the wrong site to try and put this facility."

John McElholm, representing Marstons at the committee meeting, defended the pub by saying it would discourage anti-social behaviour.

He said: "We operate our facilities to specifically deter



An artist's impression of the now-rejected Popley pub

anti-social behaviour, with CCTV for example.

"We also seek to discourage casual drinking in favour of family dining."

"We recognise concerns have been raised with regard to residential amenity, but our proposals have been fully

assessed by council officers who have concluded they are acceptable in terms of noise and disturbance."

But despite Mr McElholm's comments, committee members maintained their concerns over noise and access and rejected the application.

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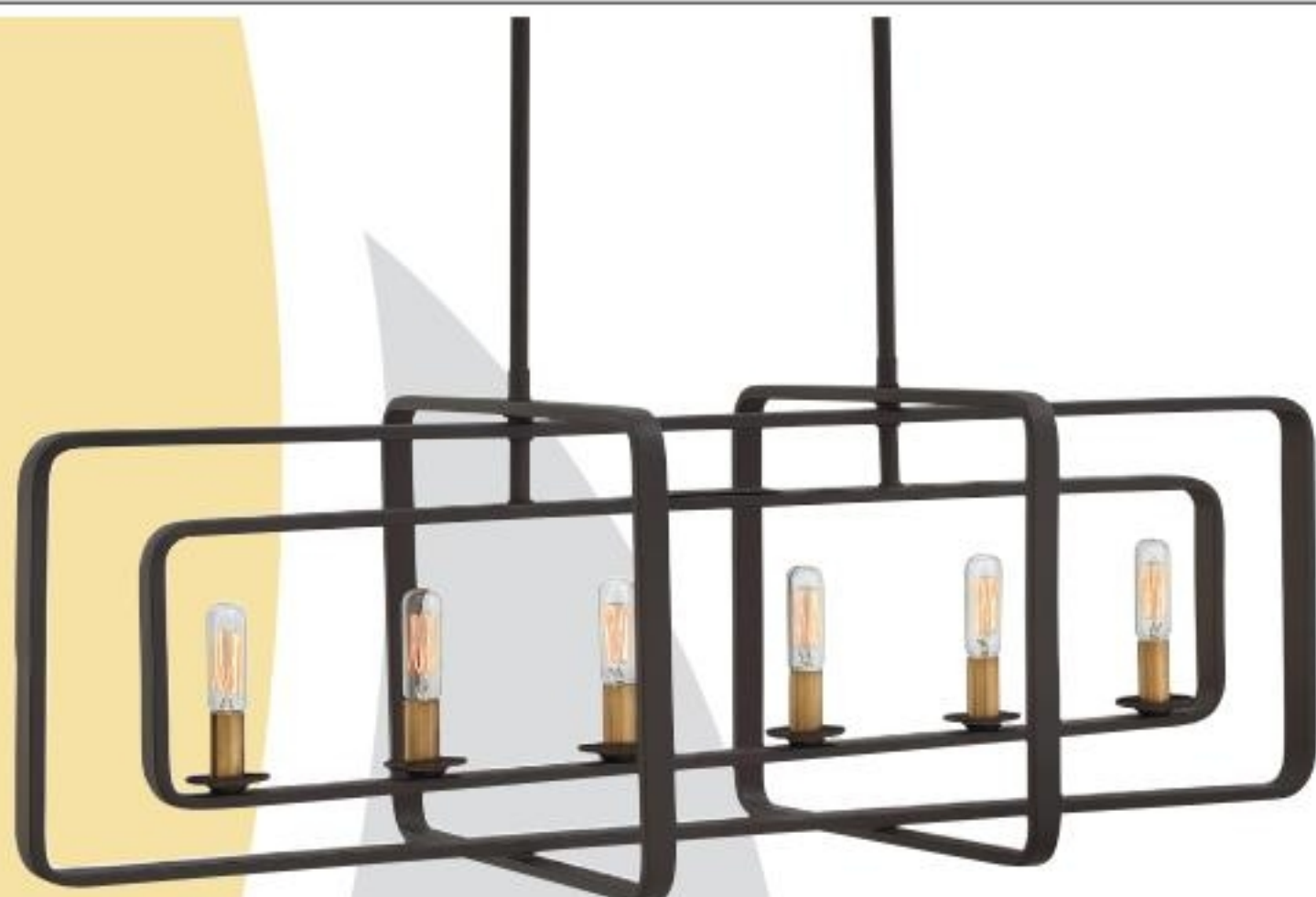
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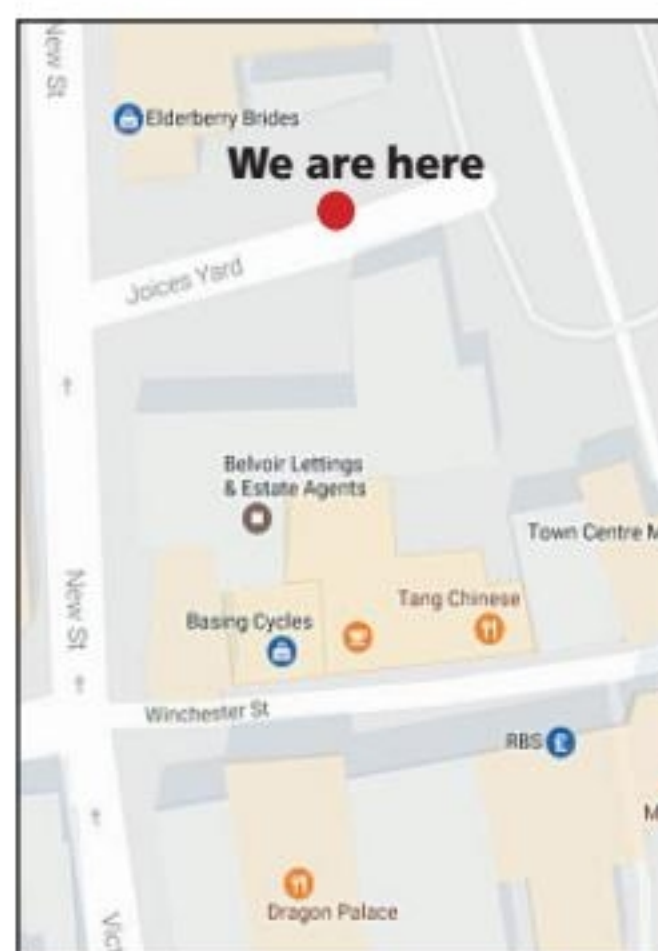
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A jobs fair will be held in the hospital's restaurant, where a number of interactive displays will be set up to explain more

about the different careers available.

Poorly teddy bears and dolls can also receive a cast in the plaster room.

Elizabeth Padmore, chairman of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "It promises to be a really good day, with activities suitable for the whole family."

"It's a great chance for the public to get a look behind the

scenes at their local hospital, speak to some of our experts and learn about the great work that goes on in the trust.

"I'm very much looking forward to it, and I would encourage people to come along and enjoy what should be a really good event."

The open day is running from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, September 30 and is free to attend. Parking is available on site.



There's the chance to learn more about the operating theatre

News Bites

Have a coffee

BASINGSTOKE: The M&S store in Chineham is hosting a coffee morning later this month to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Money raised on September 29 will be used to help fund nurses, occupational therapists and dieticians.

Store manager Rhona Plumber said: "Most of us have been affected by cancer in some way, so Macmillan is a charity that is very close to the hearts of our customers and colleagues alike."

Work with wood

ODIHAM: Find out more about woodworking at The Southern Fellowship of Wood Workers open day on September 30.

There will be demonstrations of woodturning and carving, as well as timber and tool sales.

It is running from 10am to 3pm at the Cross Barn, with free admission.

Canal's history

BASINGSTOKE: 'Heroes and villains of the Basingstoke Canal' is the subject of the upcoming talk at the Willis Museum next Thursday.

Roger Cansdale of the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society will share his knowledge.

It starts at 7.30pm. Call 01256 465902 to reserve a seat.

Call for new-build buyers to be protected by an ombudsman

By Adam Flinn

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller has called for higher standards on new-build houses during a debate in parliament.

Speaking in the Westminster Hall debate, Mrs Miller said changes in the UK house building market hadn't been reflected in how it is being regulated.

She called for a new homes ombudsman to be established to ensure that any widespread problems encountered by home buyers are resolved quickly.



Maria Miller speaking during last Tuesday's debate

This is alongside a review of warranties being offered, looking at sound insulation

regulations, and increasing the supply of housing for disabled and elderly people.

Speaking on Tuesday last week, Mrs Miller said: "There has been a fundamental change in the house building market in this country which has not been reflected in fundamental changes to the way this market is regulated."

"Most homes are now built by a handful, five or six major developers and now more than ever new home buyers rely on the government to make sure that those well-designed homes are well built too."

She continued: "We have to make sure that new design

actually works in practice."

Last week's debate was looking into the design of new-build houses and updating regulations for future developments.

It comes at a time when thousands of new homes are being built in Basingstoke and Deane.

In his response, housing minister Alok Sharma said he would consider a homeowners ombudsman, and look at ways to improve the satisfaction rates of buyers with new-builds, which currently sits at 84 per cent.

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A survey by Santander found that 58% of parents expect to move house before their children leave school and

By Romans Group

say catchment areas will impact their decision. With this increase in competition for properties in sought-after catchment areas, buyers are paying up to £25,000 more for these homes.

The report from Santander also found that 22% of parents who made this move admitted to financially over-stretching themselves. But the sacrifices don't stop there - 17% have changed jobs and a further 20% have downsized!

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Talented trio

Caroline, Kerri and Susan as The Good Lovelies will be bringing their brand of music and humour to The Forge next month. The Canadian trio play a variety of instruments too and audiences are in for an entertaining night. See inside for more



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Lovely way to spend an evening

By Josh Cox

THE Good Lovelies, with their impeccable vocals, winsome song writing and comedic banter, are set to perform at The Forge in Basingstoke this October.

Audiences have been falling in love with The Good Lovelies for more than 10 years.

Three best friends of Caroline, Kerri, and Susan, based in Ontario, joined forces in 2006 and soon became fan favourites with their cover of Hallelujah, among a number of original hits.

Their rain or shine outlook and undeniable mutual respect have helped the trio weather a decade of touring through countless venues, folk clubs and festivals.

As well as each member being a talented singer, they all join in with a wide range of instruments.

Caroline has been playing the guitar since she was six. When the band began she taught herself how to play the mandolin and banjo and is now delving deeper into the world of the electric guitar and pedal boards.

Sue and Kerri both learnt piano when they were young. Kerri has since gone on to learn the banjo, electric bass and omnichord, while Sue picked up the guitar when she was in university, as well as learning to play bass,



The Good Lovelies, from left to right, Caroline, Kerri and Susan

percussion and mandolin.

The group were the winners of the 2010 Juno Award for Roots Album of the Year, and nominees for the same award in 2012, as well as four-time winners of the Canadian Folk Music Awards; The Good Lovelies go from

strength to strength.

With their latest album *Burn The Plan* receiving rave reviews, this is a great chance to catch the ladies on their way up to the very top of the folk scene.

The Good Lovelies will be at The

Forge on Thursday October 5 at 8pm.

Adult tickets for the show are £15; over 65s, under 16s and full-time students are £13. For more information or to book tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Peak performance

COMEDY: Legendary comedian Andy Parsons is bringing his new show *Peak Bull***** to The Haymarket on Saturday at 8pm.

As seen on *Mock the Week*, *Live at the Apollo* and *QI*, Andy is one of the nation's favourite comedians. He is known for his political putdowns, and this promises to be a riotous evening of top-draw stand-up.

Adult tickets are £17, and the show is suitable for ages 14 and over.

A good question?

MUSIC: The popular function band Whoz Drivin will be at the Cricketers in Bournemouth on September 23.

Whoz Drivin are a four piece covers band who play hits from the 1960s through to the modern day.

The free gig starts at 8.30pm.

Spandau to Square

TALK: Spandau Ballet and EastEnders star Martin Kemp will be at The Anvil for a special interview-style show on September 22.

Best known as the bass guitarist from 80s band Spandau Ballet, it is safe to say Martin has had an exciting and varied career through to playing villain Steve Owen.

The show starts at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £24.

Costumes, culture and chutti

By Josh Cox

CELEBRATING 30 years of touring the UK, The Kala Chethena Kathakali Company is back.

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The chutti is in the Guinness Book of Records as the most three dimensional make-up in the world.

The show is presented by world-class Kathakali experts who have undergone years of intense training and performed internationally for decades.

The tour focuses on making Kathakali as accessible and enjoyable to as many people as possible including children, families and students, both from the Asian and non-Asian communities.

In this unique tour, which offers a real Kathakali experience, there will be not only a spectacular performance of the ancient art of Kathakali but also an opportunity to see first-hand the elaborate pre-show preparation through the three dimensional process of chutti, a viewing of the beautiful costumes and a chance to meet the artists.

Before each performance there is a demonstration of how the actor tells a story, followed by a short film, to lead the audience into the Kathakali play that reflects the rich cultural identity of the people of India, especially the people of Kerala.

The Kala Chethena Kathakali Company was founded in 1987 by Kathakali make-up specialist, Kalamandalam Barbara Vijayakumar and Kathakali actor, Kalamandalam Vijayakumar. The company has presented more than 1,750 performances, 3,500 workshops and 23 exhibitions introducing the art of Kathakali to thousands of people all over the country.

Kathakali will be coming to The Haymarket on October 5 at 7.30pm. Full price tickets cost £14.

To book or for more information, call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.



A traditional chutti styled character

Sunday sessions

MUSIC: Covers duo The Blues Beats will be performing at The Swan in Sherborne St John on Sunday.

The band cover a range of artists from the 50s and 60s, including The Kinks, The Eagles, The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel and more.

The free gig kicks off at 3pm.

Hit the Jack-pot

MUSIC: Multi-platinum selling and award-winning singer-songwriter Jack Lukeman will be gigging at The Forge on Thursday.

Lukeman is one of Ireland's most respected and best loved performers, who has been described as a mixture of all the great voices of the 20th century.

The gig begins at 8pm. Tickets £14.

Jazz giant in town

MUSIC: The Big Chris Barber Band will be celebrating the centenary of jazz on Thursday from 7.45pm at The Anvil.

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.



How you rate:

15 words, average; 20 words, good;
25 words, very good; 30 or more,
excellent.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

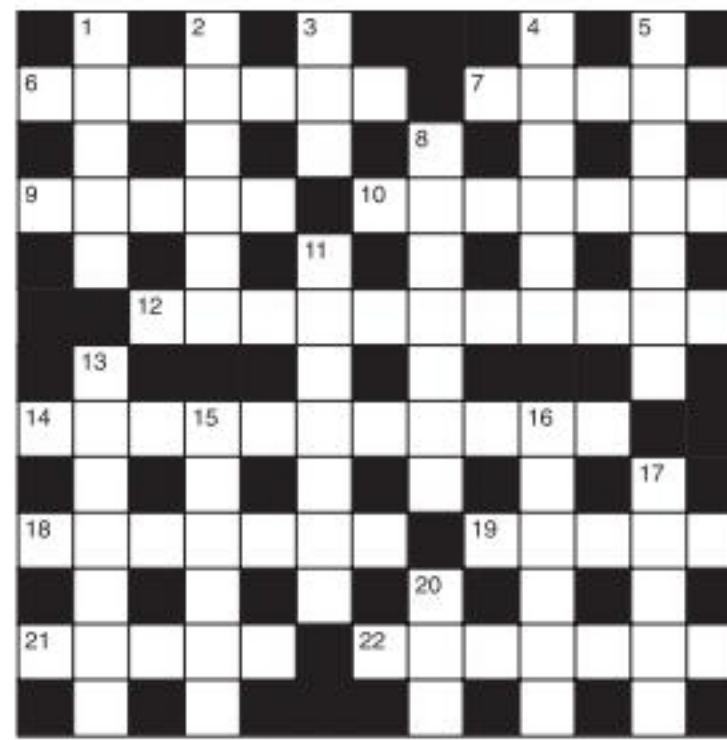
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Date and remove (4,3)
7. A fat lot to drink (5)
9. Not only soldiers may be bored by it (5)
10. Routing must be carefully arranged for its success (7)
12. Most actors probably hope for it (3,4,4)
14. Public announcements of secret rites (6,5)
18. Have everybody behind you (7)
19. Not immediately required to show mercy (5)
21. Fast number of vehicles (5)
22. Books of records I'd brought back to sign (7)

Down

1. Minister of the armed forces (5)
2. It's often drunk, though too much is bad for it (6)
3. Dog used in security (3)
4. Excite with a bit of spooning? (4,2)
5. Fish the Royal Navy is brought in to protect (7)
8. Study variety in a partner (7)
11. Coastal waterfall (3-4)
13. Alarm rattles disturb (7)
15. He's mastered the art of eating out (6)
16. Breathe out, finally (6)
17. Something the lawyer makes short work of? (5)
20. Tear in strips (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

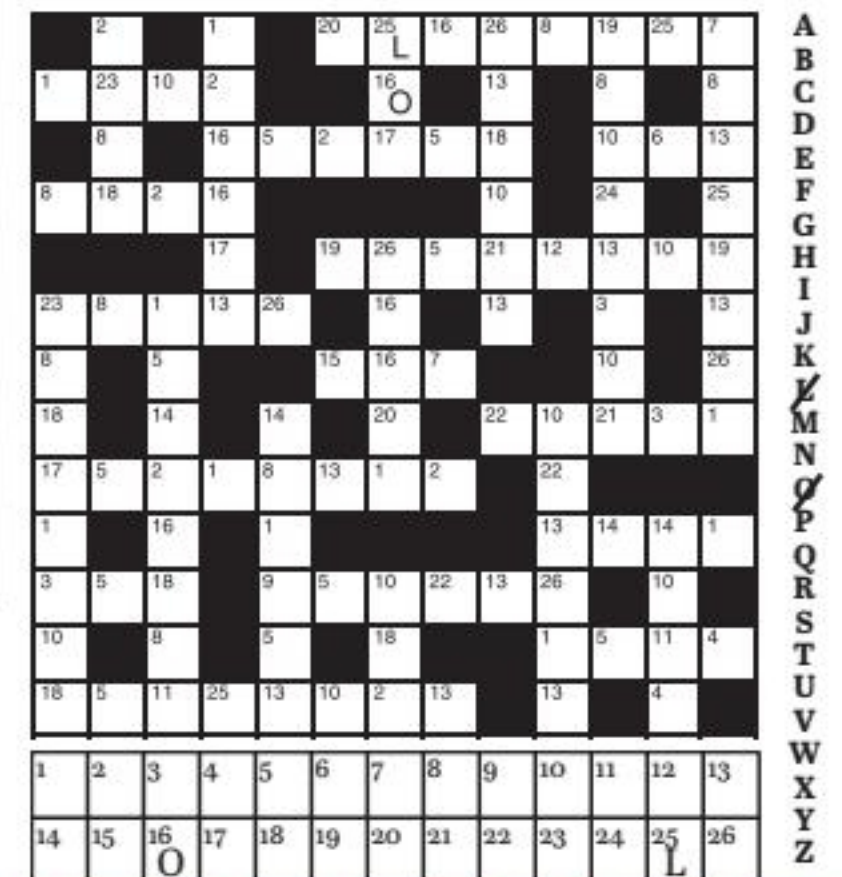
6. Not so heavy (7)
7. Tribunal (5)
9. Theme (5)
10. Child's room (7)
12. Slow down (6,5)
14. Moulded paper pulp (6-5)
18. Stupid (7)
19. Sorrow (5)
21. Stall (5)
22. Merit (7)

Down

1. Guide (5)
2. Option (6)
3. Small cask (3)
4. Idle talk (6)
5. Mercy (7)
8. Burial (7)
11. Stream (7)
13. Ardour (7)
15. Set fire to (6)
16. Injured (6)
17. Dig (5)
20. Jewel (3)

CODEWORD

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

DOUBLE CROSSWORD:
Cryptic: Across: 1 Catching on; 7 Iraqi; 8 Betrays; 10 Nominate; 11 Glum; 13 Tackle; 15 Teaser; 17 Ibid; 18 Operetta; 21 Genuine; 22 Ideal; 23 Distressed.
Down: 1 Claim; 2 Triangle; 3 Habits; 4 Note; 5 Oracles; 6 Signet ring; 9 Somersault; 12 Near miss; 14 Chianti; 16 Apiece; 19 Trend; 20 Mint.

Quick: Across: 1 Miscellany; 7 Otter; 8 Adverse; 10 Foretell; 11 Just; 13 Serene; 15 Career; 17 Alps; 18 Bewilder; 21 Egotist; 22 Guess; 23 Afterwards.
Down: 1 Meter; 2 Scrutiny; 3 Enable; 4 Live; 5 Nurture; 6 Confiscate; 9 Enterprise; 12 Malingering; 14 Reproof; 16 Bestow; 19 Dress; 20 Ripe.

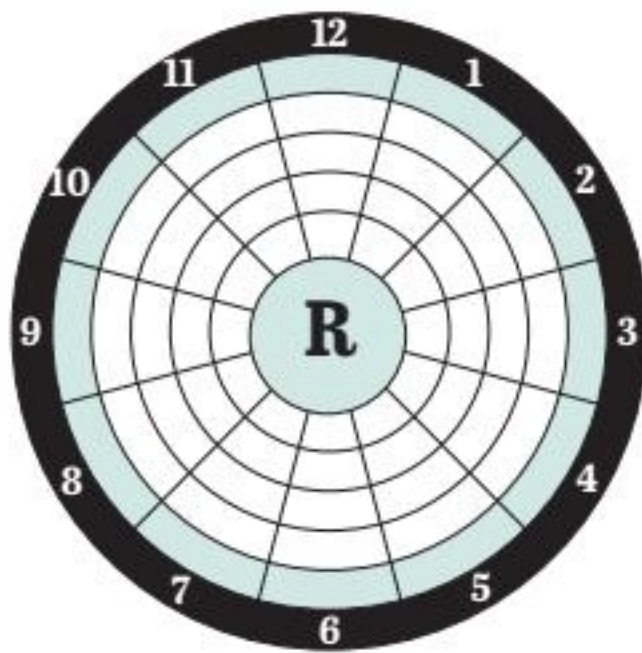
SUDOKU:

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8	3	6	9	5	4	7	1	2
4	5	2	7	8	1	6	9	3
1	6	8	4	9	5	2	3	7
3	7	5	2	6	8	9	4	1
9	2	4	1	3	7	8	6	5
2	4	7	8	1	6	3	5	9
5	8	9	3	4	2	1	7	6
6	1	3	5	7	9	4	2	8

CODEWORD:
1=K, 2=Q, 3=A, 4=E, 5=W, 6=R, 7=M, 8=N, 9=Y, 10=Z, 11=O, 12=F, 13=T, 14=I, 15=V, 16=L, 17=U, 18=G, 19=C, 20=D, 21=B, 22=J, 23=S, 24=H, 25=P, 26=X.
WORD WHEEL:
CARETAKER.

CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter R in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a TV comedian.



1. Trader
2. Deer's horn
3. Gas
4. Weather map line
5. Weapon
6. Black and white mammal
7. Protective covering
8. Deviation
9. Peril
10. Weaken
11. Rubber
12. Solicitor

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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THE CLUES:

- 47831 gives a capital city;
9627 gives a capital city;
57857961 gives an island nation.

KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9.

Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it.

No number may be used more than once in any one block.

			9	8			12	18	
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SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

T	W	E	M	H
F	R	A	S	S
R	W	A	B	L
L	E	A	E	R
O	T	T	S	T
S	H	C	J	N
S	A	N	T	S
T	O	K	E	R

SUDOKU

			3			2	7
	2	8		1			9
	7				4		
			9	2		5	
1							2
	5		7	8			
		6				4	
9			5			8	1
8	3			4			

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CLOCKWORD:
1 Mohair, 2 Angler, 3 Rafter, 4 Canter, 5 Easter, 6 Larder, 7 Orator, 8 Saucer, 9 Answer, 10 Labour, 11 Appear, 12 Senior.

CELEBRITY: Marcelo Salas.

NINER:
CLARINET.

KAKURO:

1	9	6	1	4					
4	5	8	4	9	3				
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			9	5	8		4	1	

SUDOKU:

9	3	6	4	7	8	1	5	2
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3	8	7	2	5	9	4	1	6
2	4	5	1	6	3	9	8	7
6	1	9	7	8	4	3	2	5

SPLIT DECISION:

C	L	U	B	S
A		N		I
U	S	I	N	G
S		T		H
E	G	Y	P	T

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WIN tickets to 'Signed, Sealed, Delivered' at The Anvil

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What's more, to ensure we'll have you all dancing in the aisles, our American star Lejaune André

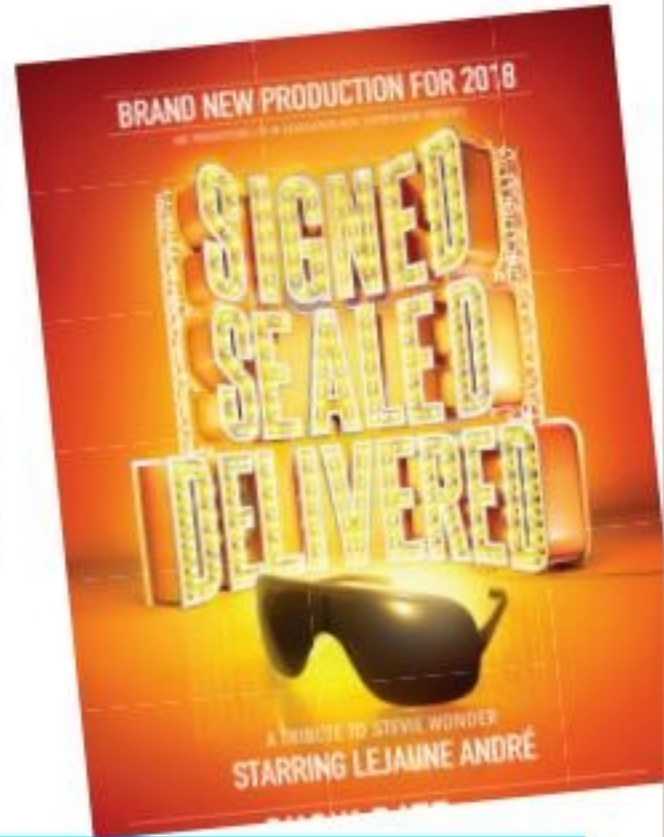
Closing date: Friday, September 29

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We have three pairs of tickets for the show at the Anvil on October 6 and to be in with a chance of winning one all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

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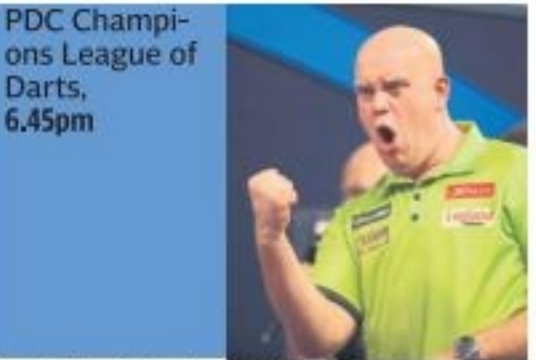



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Saturday September 16th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	 <p>Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme, 5.40pm</p>	 <p>PDC Champions League of Darts, 6.45pm</p>	 <p>The X Factor, 8pm</p>	 <p>Dunkirk: The New Evidence, 7pm</p>	 <p>Football on 5: The Championship, 9pm</p>
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Live PDC Darts Champions League (S) 4.30 Final Score (S) 5.25 BBC News (S) 5.35 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.40 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme (S) 6.10 Pointless Celebrities Various TV experts are challenged to take part. (S)(R)	6.00 The NFL Show (S)(R) 6.30 How We Won the War (S)(R) 7.00 FILM My Favorite Wife (1940) (U) (S) 8.25 James Mason: Talking Pictures (S)(R) 9.05 FILM Hotel Reserve (1944) (U) (S) 10.30 Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo (S)(R) 11.00 Coast (S)(R) 12.00 Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure (S) (R) 12.45 Triathlon: World Grand Final (S) 5.15 The Big Family Cooking Showdown (S)(R) 6.15 Dad's Army (S)(R) 6.45 PDC Champions League of Darts (S)	6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 Saturday Morning with James Martin (S) 11.20 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.25 The X Factor (S)(R) 1.30 ITV Racing: Live at Doncaster (S) 4.00 FILM Bean (1997) (PG) (S) 5.35 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 ITV News (S) 6.00 The Family Chase A family from Essex competes in the general knowledge game show. (S)	6.10 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup (S) 6.40 Triathlon: Vitoria-Gasteiz (S) 7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (S) (R) 8.00 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.55 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 3 Live (S) 12.25 F1 Meets Jackie Stewart (S) 12.55 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Qualifying Live (S) 3.45 World's Most Expensive Cars (S) 4.45 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S) (R) 5.35 Location, Location, Location (S) (R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 10.20 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.55 Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud 2 (S)(R) 11.20 FILM Columbo: Grand Deceptions (1989) (PG) (S) 1.15 FILM Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows (1989) (PG) (S) 3.10 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) 4.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R)
7	7.00 Even Better Than the Real Thing Paddy McGuinness presents performances by tribute artists. (S)		7.00 Cannonball Water-based obstacle course challenge, hosted by Andrew Flintoff. (S)	7.00 Dunkirk: The New Evidence Documentary examining the famous Second World War evacuation of Allied soldiers. (S) (R)	7.00 Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up The enforcement agents are caught in the crossfire of three bitter family disputes. (S)(R)
8	8.00 Who Dares Wins Nick Knowles hosts the game show. (S) 8.45 Casualty Dylan's plan to reunite Sanosi with his uncle does not work out. (S)		8.00 The X Factor The auditions stage continues. (S)	8.00 WWI's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails New series. Soldiers who escaped from Nazi territory in the Second World War. (S)	8.00 The Great Fire: Death and Destruction The worst day of the inferno. (S)(R) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
9	9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes tries to gatecrash Maria's hen party. (S)(R)		9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show With Paul Hollywood, Noel Fielding, Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton and Halle Berry. (S)	9.00 FILM Super 8 (2011) (12) A group of children witnesses a train crash and discovers an alien creature has escaped. Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney and Elle Fanning. (S)	9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games. (S)
10	10.05 BBC News; Weather (S) National Lottery Update (S) 10.25 Match of the Day Including highlights of Watford v Manchester City. (S)	10.15 The A-Z of Later - with Jools Holland: From Adele to ZZ Top Highlights from the past 25 years of the music programme. (S)	10.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.35 FILM The Nutty Professor (1996) (PG) Comedy remake, starring Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett Smith and James Coburn. (S)		10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S) 10.30 The NCIS Movie: Legend Feature-length episode. (S)(R)
11	11.55 People Just Do Nothing Grindah goes on his stag night. (S)	11.45 FILM The White Countess (2005) (PG) Period romantic drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Natasha Richardson. (S)		11.20 FILM The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure, with Lily Collins and Jamie Campbell Bower. (S)	
AFTER 12	12.25 FILM The Uninvited (2009) (15) Thriller, starring Emily Browning. (S) 1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.50 BBC News (S)	1.50 FILM Renoir (2012) (12) Drama, starring Michel Bouquet. 3.35 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.20 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen	1.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 2.30 Hollyoaks (S) 4.35 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.30 Four in a Bed (S)(R) 5.55 Last Man Standing (S)	12.05 Cricket on 5 (S) 1.05 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Ring of Fire (S) 4.40 Divine Designs (S)(R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.30 Chinese Food in Minutes (S) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)





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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.10** Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **12.00** FILM: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon and Josh Lucas. **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** FILM: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) (12) **2.10** The X Factor **3.15** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Concluded. **5.25** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Concluded. **9.00** FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Thriller, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Concluded. **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05** Celebrity Juice **2.05** Bromans **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Murder, She Wrote **8.20** Margery and Gladys **10.25** FILM: Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind (1975) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **12.00** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **1.50** Wycliffe **2.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **9.00** Black Lake **10.25** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.30** Timeshift: The People's Liners - Britain's Lost Pleasure Fleets **1.30** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities **2.30** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Couples Come Dine with Me **7.50** Coach Trip: Road to Zante - Final Week **10.30** FILM: Robots (2005) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor. **12.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.00** Streetmate **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Bad Teacher (2011) (15) **10.50** Naked Attraction **11.55** Celebs Go Dating **3.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rude(ish) Tube

DIGITAL

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.30** Coast vs Country **10.25** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.50** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Great Canal Journeys **9.00** The 9/11 Hotel **10.00** 9/11: The Lost Tapes **11.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings **2.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Marmaduke (2010) (U) Comedy, starring Lee Pace. **1.00** The Rugrats Movie (1999) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Elizabeth Daily. **2.35** The Three Musketeers (1973) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Michael York. **4.45** Field of Dreams (1989) (PG) Baseball fantasy, with Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta. **6.55** Dante's Peak (1997) (12) Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan. **9.00** 2 Guns (2013) (15) Action adventure, starring Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg. **11.10** Nina Forever (2015) (18) Premiere. Comedy horror, starring Fiona O'Shaughnessy. **1.15** Black Swan (2010) (15) **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Projects in the House **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** Sin City Motors **11.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **12.00** Would I Lie to You? **2.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **4.00** Top Gear **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** FILM: xXx (2002) (12) Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel. **11.30** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.30** QI XL **2.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.55** Parks and Recreation **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 All Creatures Great and Small **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Judge John Deed **7.00** Jonathan Creek **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shetland **11.40** Waking the Dead **2.05** Garro's Law **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **7.00** Modern Family **8.00** The F1 Show **8.30** Soccer AM: The Best Bits **9.00** PL Prediction Show **9.30** Premier League Preview **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** The Next Jamie Vardy **12.30** What's Up TV **1.00** Golf's Funniest Moments **2.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday. Up-to-the-minute scores. **3.15** Gillette Soccer Saturday. Up-to-the-minute scores.

5.15 PL Greatest Games **5.30** Modern Family **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Stella **10.00** FILM: Green Zone (2010) (15) Iraq war thriller, starring Matt Damon. **12.15** Hawaii Five-0 **1.10** Brit Cops: War on Crime **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Urban Secrets **9.00** Fish Town **11.00** FILM: Dinosaur 13 (2014) (PG) The true story of one of history's greatest dinosaur discoveries. **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.35** Ballers **12.10** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.45** Real Time with Bill Maher **1.55** The Wire **3.15** Vice Principals **4.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **5.00** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Countryside 999 **7.00** The Bill **12.00** EastEnders **2.30** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals **3.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **6.00** My Family **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with David Walliams **9.00** FILM: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (18) Horror, starring George Clooney. **11.00** Louis Theroux: By Reason of Insanity **12.20** Babies: Special Delivery **1.20** Outnumbered **1.50** The Musketeers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Goodnight Sweetheart **8.15** Lucky Feller **8.50** The Piglet Files **9.25** A Sharp Intake of Breath **9.55** Butterflies **10.35** Only Fools and Horses **12.55** The Green Green Grass **1.35** Only Fools and Horses **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **2.15** The Piglet Files **2.40** Butterflies **3.10** Harry Hill's The Best of TV Burp **3.35** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00** Live Rugby Championship. New Zealand v South Africa (kick-off 8.35am). **10.45** Live Rugby Championship. **11.30** Live Premier League. Crystal Palace v Southampton (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.15** Live Super 8s Qualifiers. Widnes Vikings v London Broncos (kick-off TBA). **5.15** Live EFL. Barnsley v Aston Villa (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.40** Live International T20 Cricket. England v West Indies. Coverage of the one-off encounter at the Emirates Riverside **10.00** Live PGA Tour Golf. The BMW Championship. **11.00** Through the Night

Sunday September 17th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
					
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.30 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Sunday Politics (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Fake or Fortune? (S)(R) 2.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 3.00 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 3.45 Points of View (S) 4.00 Songs of Praise (S) 4.35 How to Stay Young (S)(R) 5.35 Invictus: Battle to the Start Line (S) 6.35 BBC News (S) 6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)	6.05 Great British Garden Revival (S) (R) 7.05 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 8.05 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 8.35 Countryfile (S)(R) 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.00 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food (S)(R) 11.30 My Life on a Plate (S)(R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 PDC Champions League of Darts (S) 4.30 Tribes, Predators & Me (S)(R) 5.30 Top Gear (S)(R) 6.30 PDC Champions League of Darts (S)	6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 James Martin's French Adventure (S)(R) 9.55 FILM Problem Child (1990) (PG) (S) 11.30 Robson Green's Coastal Lives (S)(R) 12.30 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.40 Bear Grylls Survival School (S)(R) 1.10 Catchphrase (S)(R) 1.50 The X Factor (S)(R) 3.00 FILM Never Say Never Again (1983) (PG) (S) 5.35 Victoria (S)(R) 6.35 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.45 ITV News (S)	6.20 Last Man Standing (S) 6.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.00 Frasier (S)(R) 9.00 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.00 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Build-Up (S) 12.35 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live (S) 3.10 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Reaction (S) 4.15 The Crystal Maze (S)(R) 5.15 The Great British Bake Off (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.40 Football on 5: The Championship (S) (R) 11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S) (R) 12.00 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 3.00 FILM Open Season (2006) (PG) Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. (S) 4.45 FILM Annie (2014) (PG) (S) 5.45 5 News Update (S) 5.50 FILM Annie (2014) (PG) Premiere, Concluded. (S)
7	7.00 Countryfile Ellie Harrison celebrates the Lake District becoming a World Heritage Site. (S)		7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars With Professor Green, Sair Khan and Sean Kelly. (S)	7.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year The grand final of the event. Last in the series. (S)	7.05 Before They Were Stars Dale Winton revisits popular celebrities' earliest, most embarrassing brushes with fame. (S)(R)
8	8.00 Fake or Fortune? Examining whether a sculpture was made by Alberto Giacometti. Last in the series. (S)		8.00 The X Factor Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary. (S)	8.00 Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Challenge The motorcycle racer joins a Formula One pit crew. (S)	8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights Highlights from the third round of matches. (S) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
9	9.00 Strike – The Silkworm Part two of two, Strike and Robin become suspicious of Fancourt. (S)		9.00 Victoria Albert learns a terrible family secret. (S)	9.00 Electric Dreams: The Hood Maker New series, Sci-fi anthology series. (S)	9.00 How Magic Changed TV The story of performing magic on television. (S)
10	10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.30 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Manchester United v Everton. (S)	10.00 FILM Risk (2016) (15) Premiere. Documentary following Wikileaks founder Julian Assange over the course of six years during his political asylum. (S)	10.05 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.20 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories The deaths of six children in a suspicious house fire. (S)(R)	10.10 Lee Mack: Hit the Road Mack The comedian performs at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (S)(R)	
11	11.30 Fugitives Police hunt down a dangerous robber on the run in the Netherlands. (S)(R)	11.25 FILM The Devil's Double (2011) (18) Fact-based drama, with Dominic Cooper and Ludivine Sagnier. (S)	11.20 Liar Thriller, starring Joanne Froggatt and Ioan Gruffudd. (S) (R)	11.05 FILM Slumdog Millionaire (2008) (15) Danny Boyle's Oscar-winning drama, with Dev Patel and Freida Pinto. (S)	11.05 When Magic Goes Wrong Illusions that went spectacularly badly. (S)(R)
AFTER 12	12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.20 BBC News (S)	1.10 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) 2.10 Holby City (S)(R) 3.10 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)	1.20 The Supertv: Bionic Specials (S)(R) 2.15 Gillette World Sport (S) 2.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 3.10 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 4.10 Building the Dream (S)(R) 5.05 Four in a Bed (S)(R) 5.30 Too Many Cooks (S)(R)	1.45 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Gotham (S) (R) 4.00 Now That's Funny! (S)(R) 4.50 Divine Designs (S)(R) 5.20 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S) (R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.10 You've Been Framed! Gold 6.35 Coronation Street 10.00 2Awesome: Guidance 10.25 2Awesome: LA Story 10.40 2Awesome: Cheerleaders: Steel Rays 11.00 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style 11.15 2Awesome: Third Wheel 11.40 The X Factor 12.55 Take Me Out 2.10 **FILM**: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Drama, starring Briana Evigan. 3.10 FYI Daily 3.15 **FILM**: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Concluded. 4.15 **FILM**: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Neil Patrick Harris. 5.15 FYI Daily 5.20 **FILM**: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Concluded. 6.20 **FILM**: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. 7.20 FYI Daily 7.25 **FILM**: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. 8.10 **FILM**: Gravity (2013) (12) Thriller, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. 9.10 FYI Daily 9.15 **FILM**: Gravity (2013) (12) Concluded. 10.00 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 1.25 The Cleveland Show 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses 6.25 Margery and Gladys 8.25 Heartbeat 10.25 Murder, She Wrote 12.25 **FILM**: Columbo: Playback (1975) (PG) 2.05 **FILM**: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. 3.10 FYI Daily 3.15 **FILM**: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) Concluded. 3.55 Wycliffe 5.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.00 Midsomer Murders 9.00 Tonight at the Palladium 10.00 Kate: The Making of a Modern Queen 11.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre 1.10 The Knock 3.00 Mr Selfridge 4.15 Griff's Great Britain 5.05 Judge Judy 5.25 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Last Night of the Proms from Around the UK 8.30 Secret Voices of Hollywood 10.00 Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum 10.55 Clara Bow: Hollywood's Lost Screen Goddess 11.55 Precision: The Measure of All Things 12.55 Apples, Pears and Paint: How to Make a Still Life Painting 2.25 Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum 3.20 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait 6.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.25 Hollyoaks 11.00 Don't Tell the Bride 12.00 Streetmate 12.30 My Hotter Half 1.40 **FILM**: Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (2004) (PG)

Drama, starring Lindsay Lohan. 3.25 The Goldbergs 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 **FILM**: Home Alone (1990) (PG) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. 10.00 Naked Attraction 11.05 Gogglebox 12.10 Celebs Go Dating 2.15 Don't Tell the Bride 3.05 Rude Tube 3.35 Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location 12.10 Come Dine with Me 2.50 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 8.00 The Supertv 9.00 Car SOS 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.05 Car SOS 3.05 8 Out of 10 Cats: Best Bits 3.45 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Sink the Bismarck! (1960) (U) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Kenneth More. 1.00 Bridge to Terabithia (2007) (PG) Fantasy drama, starring Josh Hutcherson. 2.50 Carry On Spying (1964) (U) Comedy, starring Kenneth Williams. 4.35 Moonrise Kingdom (2012) (12) Comedy drama, with Bruce Willis and Edward Norton. 6.25 Battleship (2012) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch. 9.00 The Mechanic (2011) (15) Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham. 10.50 Welcome to the Punch (2013) (15) Crime thriller, starring James McAvoy and Mark Strong. 12.50 The King of Comedy (1983) (PG) 3.05 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Top Gear 8.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 9.00 Top Gear 12.00 Room 101 2.00 Would I Lie to You? 3.20 Would I Lie to You? - The Unseen Bits 4.00 Red Dwarf 6.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 7.00 Traffic Cops 8.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Live at the Apollo 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 2.00 Mock the Week 2.30 8 Out of 10 Cats 2.55 Parks and Recreation 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Garrow's Law 8.00 The Bill 12.00 War and Peace 4.45 Catherine Cookson's The Fifteen Streets 7.00 Murdoch Mysteries 8.00 Father Brown 9.00 Silent Witness 11.15 Taggart 2.05 Vanity Fair 3.10 Garrow's Law 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 7.30

Futurama 10.00 WWE Raw Hits 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 9.00 The Last Ship 10.00 The Force: North East 11.00 Zoo 12.00 Modern Family 1.00 Brit Cops: War on Crime 2.00 Hawaii Five-O 3.00 Brit Cops: War on Crime 4.00 Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City 8.55 Fish Town 9.50 The Guest Wing 11.40 House 1.30 The Bachelor King 3.00 Making of David Attenborough's Bachelor King 4.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Tin Star 10.00 Real Time with Bill Maher 11.10 Ballers 11.50 Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth 1.35 The Wire 2.55 Vice Principals 4.05 The British

W SKY: 109

6.10 Countryside 999 7.00 MasterChef Australia 12.30 My Restaurant in India 1.00 Doctor Who 3.20 Miranda 4.00 Outnumbered 6.00 **FILM**: Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Anne Hathaway. 8.00 The Secret Life of the Ballroom 9.00 John Bishop: In Conversation with David Walliams 10.00 The Davina Hour 11.00 Louis Theroux - A Place for Paedophiles 12.00 One Born: What Happened Next? 1.00 Countryside 999 1.50 The Musketeers 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Goodnight Sweetheart 8.15 Lucky Feller 8.50 The Piglet Files 9.20 A Sharp Intake of Breath 10.00 Butterflies 10.40 Only Fools and Horses 4.00 The Story of Only Fools and Horses 5.00 Only Fools and Horses 12.55 Goodnight Sweetheart 2.10 The Piglet Files 2.35 Butterflies 3.10 Harry Hill's TV Burp 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night 7.00 Total Goals 9.00 Live One-Day International Cricket, India v Australia. 12.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday, Chelsea v Arsenal (kick-off 1.30pm). 3.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday, Manchester United v Everton (kick-off 4.00pm). 7.00 Live NFL, New Orleans Saints v New England Patriots (kick-off 6.00pm). 9.00 Live NFL, Denver Broncos v Dallas Cowboys (kick-off 9.25pm). Coverage of the match from the second round of fixtures, which takes place at Sports Authority Field at Mile High. 1.00 Live NFL, 4.30 Premier League Highlights 5.00 Through the Night



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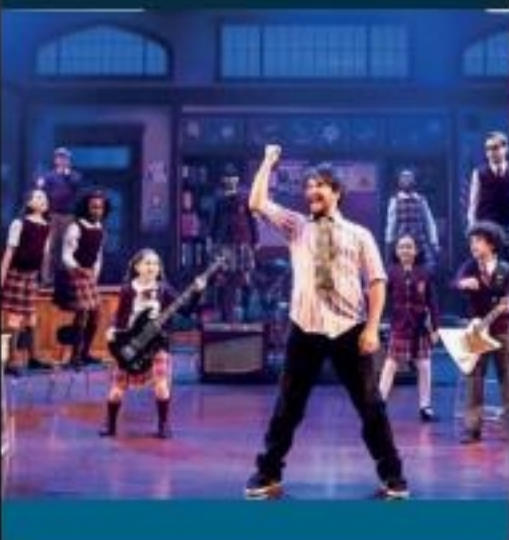
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Kia Picanto 'GT-Line' 1.25

Little car puts the fun back into driving

By **Tony Yates**

THE Kia Picanto is a wonderful little car in every way – and this new updated 'GT-Line' version is pretty special with its fancy detailing and modern touches. The new Picanto also comes with some of the latest connectivity packages for the modern driver, but without paying a premium.

Actually, it's funny, but for me, Kia has always been a good brand – and I know many owners who would be very happy to agree with me. Plus for the last few years – I have continually talked about being a big fan of anything from Kia – because basically, they offer you 'more for less'. This is something I wish all manufacturers did.

Power & efficiency

The Picanto I had on test was powered by a four-cylinder 1,248cc petrol engine with 83bhp of blissful horses sitting under the bonnet. The torque figures for such a sweet engine come in at 122lb/ft at 4000rpm. 0 to 62 mph is also dealt with in 11.6 seconds

which is actually good. If we move onto the top speed of the Picanto – you can expect around 107mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Kia are; 61.4 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 106 g/km – which may not be the best in its class – but it's not poor either. And when it comes to how it performs on the road – that's when the Picanto puts the word 'fun' back into driving. Plus the Picanto loves to be revved and that 5-speed gearbox is a peach to use with nothing to complain about on any level.

On the road

The Picanto is surprisingly throaty and charismatic and that 1.25litre engine provides an adequate amount of torque – enough to allow the Picanto to hold its own in traffic, on A roads or on the motorway. The suspension is also pretty good at protecting you from the worst of the road surfaces. I was also impressed by the light steering control in town and its easy manoeuvrability on the daily commute to and from my office in city traffic.



The Kia Picanto 'GT-Line' 1.25 offers you more for less

Design & technology

On the inside, the Picanto has some really nice detailed interior touches that feel nicely put together – while the interior plastics used are good and

more than up to the job of giving a good premium feel to all the surfaces. The seating is also premium based – with the driver's seat adding height adjustment, which makes it relatively easy to get comfortable and whilst there is

room enough for five, those in the rear may find it a little tight – but remember this is a small car so it's no different from anything else on the road of a similar size.

There is also plenty of kit inside the 'GT-Line' such as; ABS, Hill Start Assist, Automatic Headlights, LED Daytime Running Lights, Electronically Adjustable and Heated Door Mirrors and Automatic Wipers. You also get a 3.8" Monochrome Cluster Display including Bluetooth and Music Streaming, USB port, Aux port and a Trip Computer. There's even a couple of cup holders for those in the front along with a whole bunch of safety systems including ESC, AEB, ESS (Emergency Stop Signalling) and a motor-driven power steering system. Overall then, not bad at all.

To sum up

For me, this car offers fantastic value for money. Plus, with the Picanto 'GT-Line' starting from only £12,450 on the road, that makes it quite the bargain actually.



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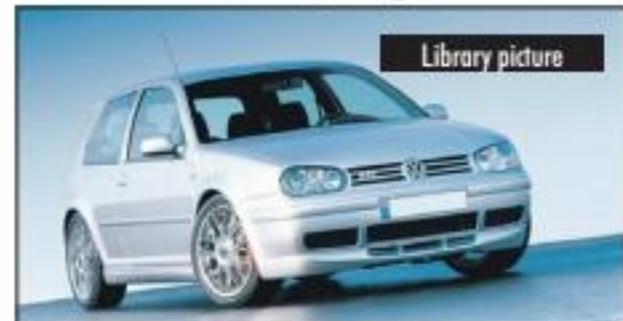
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Smart on form for pair of wins

By Adam Flinn

AFTER last week's FA Cup disappointment, Basingstoke Town returned to league action in emphatic style as they beat St Ives Town 3-2 in a thrilling game at the Camrose on Saturday.

They backed that up with a 2-0 victory over Merthyr Town on Tuesday night.

It means Basingstoke have won their last four league matches in a row, and are up to 10th in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier table.

Sam Smart bagged both goals on Tuesday, both coming in the second half.

A brilliant chipped finish gave Town their first, before capitalising on a mistake by Merthyr's goalkeeper to snatch the second.

Town comfortably held on until the end to secure the

three points.

It looked as if the Dragons would have to settle for a point in Saturday's match, but a late goal from Sam Deadfield saw Basingstoke snatch victory.

Basingstoke were the more attacking side in the early stages, and came agonisingly close to scoring as Ben Wright hit the post before Dan Collier's follow-up effort was deflected towards Ives' goalkeeper James Goff.

However the hosts did manage to grab the first goal soon afterwards as Jack McKnight set up Sam Smart for a free run on goal, and he beat Goff from 15 yards out.

They doubled their lead in the 39th minute when Smart was brought down just outside the box, and Wright curled the free kick over the five-man wall into the top corner.

The two-goal lead didn't last

long as Ives pulled one back just before half-time through Jimmy Hartley, who bundled the ball in from close range.

Basingstoke had two missed chances after the restart, first as Connor Davis was denied from a one-on-one with Goff and then as Wright missed a header while unmarked.

And just after the hour mark Ives equalised in controversial fashion as a goalmouth scramble led to the ball falling to an offside-looking Ben Seymour-Shove, whose subsequent goal was awarded despite protests from the home side.

As the rain fell the game entered its last 10 minutes, and Smart launched a low cross that skipped along the damp turf in front of Goff, who got both hands to the ball.

But Goff was unable to hold on and Basingstoke substitute Deadfield was on hand to stab



Sam Smart was involved with all three of Basingstoke's goals against St Ives, before scoring both on Tuesday. Picture: Steve Gridley

home the loose ball from close range.

The Dragons made sure they kept the majority of the possession in the last minutes and ensured the three points remained in Basingstoke.

With no FA Cup fixture to worry about this weekend,

Basingstoke have brought forward their trip to Tiverton from October 10 to this Saturday.

They then begin their defence of the Hampshire Senior Cup with a second round clash against Gosport Borough on Tuesday.

Football League comes calling for Town stars

TWO Basingstoke Town youngsters have made the jump to sign for Football League clubs.

Striker Aaron Jarvis and defender Rob Atkinson have both departed for Luton Town and Fulham's under-23 side respectively.

Nineteen-year-old Jarvis joined the Hatters for an undisclosed fee on a one-year contract, having scored 17 times for Basingstoke last season.

He said: "It's absolutely amazing, a dream come true for me to sign my first professional contract for Luton."

"I was meant to have worked my shift at Tesco that night, but

it was worth the cancel."

Atkinson, 19, was Basingstoke's player of the year last season, and has been snapped up by Fulham.

He said: "To have a club like Fulham come in and offer me a contract, I'm obviously delighted."

"The end goal is to play for the first team on a regular basis and I will be looking to do that."

Basingstoke will receive a compensation fee from Fulham in exchange of Atkinson.

The club has wished both of its former players well at their new clubs.



Aaron Jarvis. Picture by Daniel Murphy



Rob Atkinson signs his Fulham contract

Disappointing start to the season for 'Stoke against Milton

IT was a tough start to the new season for Basingstoke RFC as they were beaten 55-17 at home to New Milton and District on Saturday.

'Stoke's two tries were no match for the visitors' nine,

although it was a closer match than the scoreline would suggest.

Milton opened the scoring with a try, before Basingstoke took the lead with a penalty and converted try of their own.

The lead wouldn't last long, and by half-time Milton had moved 17-10 in front.

Basingstoke pulled level with their second converted try after the restart, but from then on it would be all Milton

as seven more tries followed to secure the away side a big opening day win.

Despite the heavy loss Basingstoke avoided going bottom of the London 3 South West table, owing to a five-point

penalty for Weybridge Vandals.

'Stoke will be looking for a better result against Hampshire rivals Portsmouth in their next match, taking place this Saturday afternoon.

Sport Bites

Late goals needed

FOOTBALL: Hartley Wintney followed up last week's FA Cup win with a 2-1 victory over Kempston Rovers on Saturday.

It was by no means an easy win, with Paul Hodges and Adam New scoring in the final five minutes after George Boland had put Kempston ahead just after the break.

They sit third in the Southern Division East with 12 points, and travel to Cinderford Town for their FA Cup second qualifying round match this Saturday.

In need of points

MOTORSPORT: Rob Collard will need some big results at Silverstone this weekend to have any hopes of picking up a first British Touring Car Championship title.

The Hook-based racer is fourth in the standings but dropped 56 points back from standings leader Ash Sutton after a disappointing day at Rockingham last month.

Only two rounds of the season remain, with the championship finale taking place at Brands Hatch on October 1.

Vase success

FOOTBALL: Tadley Calleva are into the next round of the FA Vase after beating Andover New Street 3-2 on Saturday.

AFC Portchester will be their opponents in the next round.

Tadley followed that up with a 4-3 defeat away to Newport (IoW) on Tuesday however.

Elsewhere, Whitchurch United lost 4-0 at home to Alton on Saturday, before a 3-2 loss away at Shaftesbury on Tuesday to sit 14th in the table.

Ladies struggle

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Ladies FC suffered another thrashing on Sunday, this time at the hands of Southampton Women.

They lost 5-0, to follow on from their 8-0 cup defeat the previous week against C&K Basildon.

Basingstoke's next match is at home to Brislington Ladies this Sunday.



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Inside: Smart goals help Basingstoke Town to two wins | Town pair move to Football League clubs | Big defeat for Basingstoke RFC

Big win for Bison as they put four past Dynamos

By Adam Flinn

BASINGSTOKE Bison made a promising start to the new league season with a 4-0 win at home to Invicta Dynamos on Saturday.

Tomas Karpov, Stuart Mogg, Vanya Antonov and Aaron Connolly grabbed the goals as the Herd made a dominant start to life in the National Ice Hockey League.

They did follow that up with a 2-1 defeat against Telford Tigers on Sunday in their first National Cup fixture, but with a short-benched team versus last year's EPL champions it was always going to be a tougher match.

Head coach Doug Sheppard said: "I thought we put in a great performance on home ice for a great start.

"We knew we'd be without Jaroslav (Cesky) so we knew we'd all have to step up, and I thought we did well on home ice and deserved the win.

"On Sunday we were very short-benched but started well, we showed good energy, competed hard but just came up a bit short.

"We did a lot of things right over the weekend, we'd have liked a few more goals but I'm pleased with how we competed."

Bison dominated the offence in the early stages of Saturday's game, and Karpov scored the opener on 9:36 on the powerplay.

Despite a continuous flow of shots from Bison it would take until halfway through the second period for the next goal with Mogg blasting home in the bottom corner.

Goal number three came a few minutes later as Joe Baird wheeled in towards for the net for Antonov to deflect the puck into the net.

And Bison completed the rout early in the final period as Antonov's shot rebounded to Connolly, who was able to score.

The Herd ended up with a massive shot advantage over the Dynamos, 54-15 being the final count.

Sunday's trip to Telford was a more difficult affair, however Bison made the perfect start as Ashley Jackson netted his first goal for the team less than three minutes into the match.

The Tigers pulled level just shy of the half-hour mark through Jonathan Weaver, and they took the lead 48 seconds later courtesy of Jason Silverthorn.

Bison had a chance to equalise in the final moments of the match with a man advantage, but the Tigers hung on to take the win.

Two more cup fixtures await Bison this weekend, and they will look to get revenge on the Tigers when they visit Basingstoke on Saturday, before making the short trip to face Bracknell Bees on Sunday.



Tomas Karpov scored the first goal in Saturday's game. Picture: grantkingphotography.co.uk

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